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DECLARATION OF PETER DAVID WHITE AND JOERG KARL WILHELM BEYTHIEN UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Dear Examiner Anderson:

We, PETER DAVID WHITE AND JOERG KARL WILHELM BEYTHIEN state and declare that:

- 1. We are inventors of the invention recited in claims 10-24 of the patent application identified above.
- 2. As evidenced by the attached Exhibit A, the subject matter of claims 10-24 was invented prior to the publication of the article by Kumar et. al., *Organic Letters*, 5, 613-16 (2003), which was published on the Web on February 4, 2003.
- 3. Exhibit A is a copy of e-mail correspondence between the inventors and the patent attorney who prepared the pending application. Attached to the e-mail correspondence is a nearly complete copy of the present application (Exhibit B). Exhibit B discloses the subject matter of claims 10-24.

- 4. The e-mail correspondence and attached application is dated prior to February 4, 2003, the date of Web publication of Kumar et al., and shows that we had invented the subject matter of claims 10-24 prior to this date.
- 5. We each hereby acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. § 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon. All statements made of each declarant's own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

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